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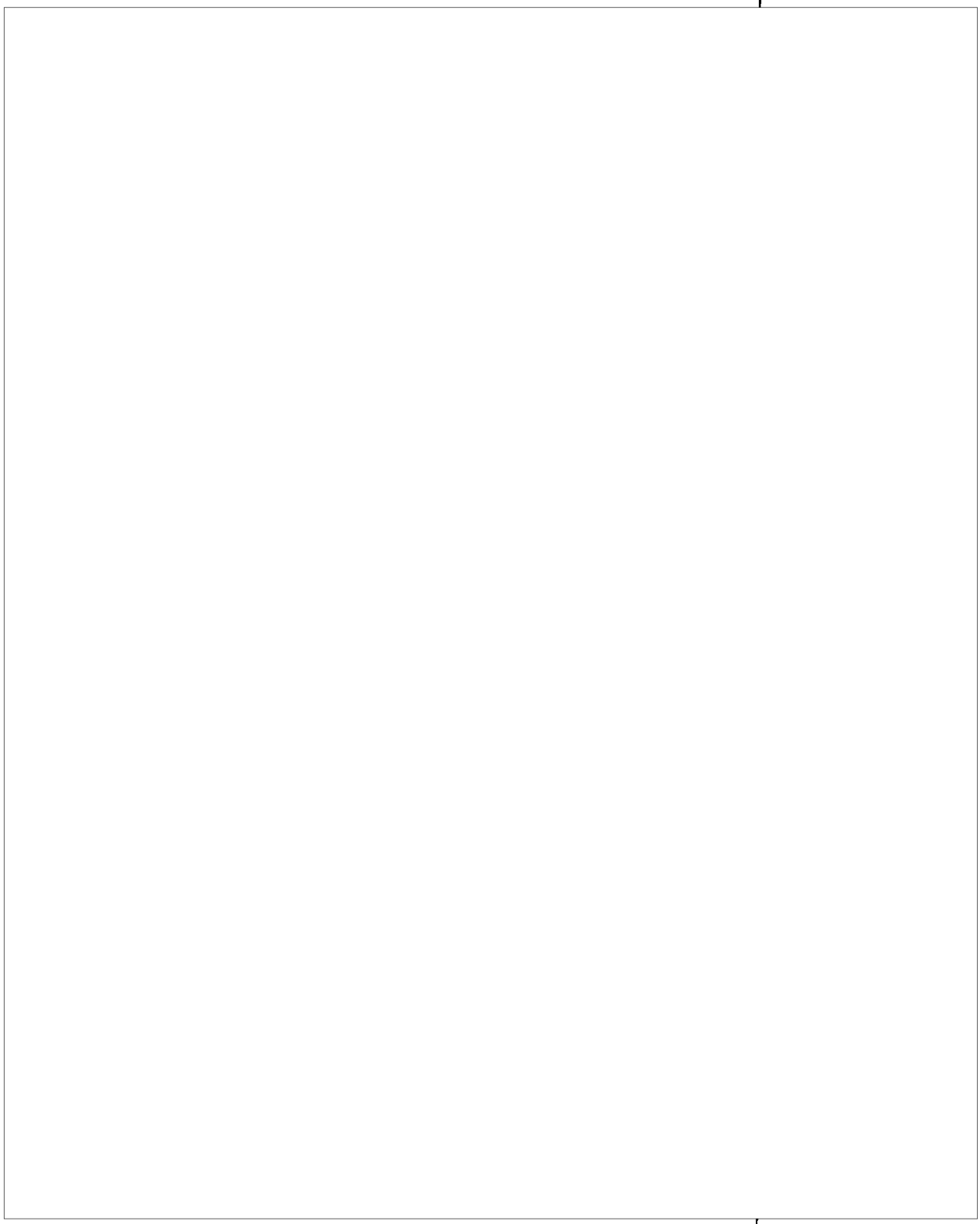

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Argentina

Bodies Washed Ashore. A number of decomposed and partially dismembered bodies washed ashore in December on the Atlantic

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coast southeast of Buenos Aires, according to local press reports. One press source placed the figure at 38. Representatives of the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, however, were told by an investigating judge that 17 bodies had been recovered, mostly young males. None, said the judge, has been identified.

During January, according to the Embassy, several members of the Mothers group filed habeas corpus petitions requesting the judiciary to verify that neither the beached bodies nor the victims of other recently reported incidents were their missing children.

Representatives of the Permanent Assembly for Human Rights have stated to the Embassy their belief that the bodies were dumped in the ocean by aircraft operating out of a nearby naval station (Punto Indio-about 100 miles southeast of Buenos Aires). This is one of several reports that have reached the Embassy about the alleged dumping of bodies in the ocean.

There were similar reports about bodies washing ashore in February and March 1978. To the Embassy's knowledge, none of those bodies was identified. (CONFIDENTIAL, Buenos Aires 0530, January 19) NR

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